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(57) Abstract: Provided are methods and compositions for the photodynamic therapy (PDT) of ocular conditions characterized by the presence of unwanted choroidal neovascularity, for example, neovascular age-related macular degeneration. The selectivity and sensitivity of the PDT method can be enhanced by combining the PDT with an anti-angiogenesis factor, for example, angiostatin or endostatin, or with an apoptosis-modulating factor. Furthermore, the selectivity and sensitivity of the PDT may be further enhanced by coupling a targeting moiety to the photosensitizer so as to target the photosensitizer to choroidal neovascularity.

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A method of treating unwanted choroidal neovasculation in a mammal, the method comprising the steps of
(a) administering to the mammal an anti-angiogenesis factor,
(b) administering to the mammal a photosensitizer, (c)
irradiating the choroidal neovasculation with laser light

2. Claims: 10-19

A method of treating unwanted choroidal neovasculation in a mammal, the method comprising the steps of
(a) administering to the mammal a photosensitizer comprising a target moiety that binds preferentially to endothelial cells of the neovasculation, (b) irradiating the choroidal neovasculation with laser light

3. Claims: 20-31

A method of treating unwanted choroidal neovasculation in a mammal, the method comprising the steps of
(a) administering to the mammal an apoptosis-modulating factor, (b) administering to the mammal a photosensitizer, (c) irradiating the choroidal neovasculation with laser light

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